

# Killings probe continues as man charged

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A 29-YEAR-OLD Limerick man was yesterday charged with murder as investigations into two weekend killings in the city continued.

John McNamara, from Craevel Park, Moyross, will appear on remand at Limerick District Court this morning after being charged yesterday with the murder of 24-year-old John O'Sullivan - also from Craevel Park - at Pine View Gardens, Moyross early on Monday morning.

McNamara was brought before Judge Leo Malone yesterday morning but remained silent throughout the short hearing.

Evidence of arrest, charge and caution was given by Detective Sgt Jim Ryan, Mayorstone Station, who said that when the murder charge was put to him, the accused responded: "I didn't mean to kill him."

Solicitor Ted McCarthy was appointed the defendant's legal aid lawyer.

The accused was remanded in custody to today's hearing at the request of Inspector Gerry Mahon.

Meanwhile, gardai across the city in Roxboro Station

continued with their investigations yesterday into the murder of 45-year-old single man Anthony Casey, who died on Sunday night after being found unconscious in a laneway close to the city centre at around 11pm on Friday.

The two incidents are unrelated.

The last sighting of Mr Casey before the attack prior to being found unconscious at Lady's Lane (better known as Taits Lane) was at a nearby pub around 10.30pm.

"We are continuing with our interviews and door-to-door inquiries but believe there are still some people out there who might be able to help us," said a garda spokesperson.

"There is still around a half an hour or more that we are trying to account for at this stage," the spokesperson said.

A third man who was left in a coma following an assault on him at Mount Kennett Place, near the Dock Road, in the early hours of Monday morning has been taken off the critical list.

Gardai have interviewed a number of people and are preparing a file for the DPP.